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13. (new) A method, comprising:

reading a first file and a second file, where the first and second files have been partitioned into a plurality of parts, the parts stored on a plurality of write-once media, and where at least one particular medium contains at least one part of the first file and at least one part of the second file;

reading authentication data for the first file, for the second file, and for the particular medium; and

determining that the first file is unchanged only if the authentication data for the first and second files and the particular medium indicate that both the first and second files are unchanged and the data on the particular medium is unchanged.

14. (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

decrypting the first file.

15. (new) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

determining that the first file is unchanged only if the authentication data for each medium containing a part of the first or second files indicate that the medium data is unchanged.